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WOOL TRADE HAS BEEN RATHER OFF DURING THE WEEK

Few Houses Have Done Well and Two or Three a Very Good Business; On the Whole, More Interest Has Been Shown

Boston, Aug. 30.—Trade in the Boston wool market this past week has been somewhat erratic and while most houses have reported a quiet business there have been a few which have done fairly well and two or three houses have done a very good business. On the whole, it appears that there is more interest being shown in wool and while the mills are not yet ready to come back into the market for considerable quantities they are nevertheless keeping close and even closer tabs on the situation.

As for prices, there is little new to be said. Good staple wools are in request and prices were never firmer, while inferior, shabby wools are not especially wanted and are somewhat irregular in price, as a consequence, wherever holders are desirous of keeping stock moving a little every week. The general belief is that prices are bound to go higher and so there is no disposition whatever to shade prices beyond what might be termed a "trading point."

The mills continue to run at a very strong pace and the ability to consume wool on the part of most of the mills is at the moment curtailed more because of the inability to secure all the help needed. Lawrence mills will be closed next week over Labor Day to allow for repairs which have been at hand to wait as long as possible.

So far, as the goods market is concerned, it would appear that the keen edge is worn off the market, although this by no means implies that interest has been lost on the part of goods buyers for more than a temporary season. Initial orders for lightweight goods have undoubtedly been heavy, as is evidenced by the fact that some of largest factories are sold ahead well beyond the turn of the year, notwithstanding the high prices which it has been necessary for the manufacturers to charge. Woolens are said to be relatively in a better position than worsteds and fancy worsted cloths in particular are restrained more or less in the trading by the relatively high prices necessarily charged for them.

Spinners and top-makers report a rather quiet business, although a few houses say there has been a little better inquiry in their own experience. Prices are firmly maintained throughout the list, as might naturally be expected, in view of the high cost of raw materials. At the moment no advances are reported, although current quotations of $1.05 for Australian 64s tops and $1.45 for 2-40s half-blood yarns can hardly be secured except by favored customers and then only for small quantities.

All advices from abroad indicate a firm market. Following the bank holidays in Yorkshire, there has come renewed interest in wool and tops and considerable business in low crossbred tops is reported from Bradford this week.

The opening of the London sales of colonial wools on Sept. 5 is expected to show firm prices all around. Some 40,000 bales will be offered all told.

A sale will be held in Melbourne on Aug. 29, (next Tuesday) which 7,000 bales, mostly new wools, will be offered for sale.

It is expected that the new clip will be rather slow in coming to market this year, inasmuch as there is no help to prepare the clip for market and then too farmers will be disposed to test the market carefully before placing any large quantities of the new clip on the market. Finally growing conditions have been rather against an early clip.

From South America come renewed reports of contracting on the sheep backs at very full rates. Tentative offers being made of the new clip are fully on a parity with the market quotations here.

The Embargo Again.

We hesitate to say that there are some indications that a little wool may be allowed to be exported to this country from England in the near future, for it may be assuming too much and we dislike to be presumptuous but it is a fact that since the recall of the War Trade Department of its announced willingness to receive applications for export permits on Aug. 1, there are reported to have been some moves by this same War Trade Department in specific instances which seem to forecast the shipment of wool to this country presently. However, being somewhat cautious by nature and very much more so by experience where the discussion of embargoes is concerned, we do not advise the expenditure of much money on cables to ascertain if the situation is changed since the manifesto of August 1.

There have been moderate sales of territory wools during the week and a little fleece wool has changed hands the otherwise the market has been quiet.

Ohio Fleece.

Sales of three-eights Ohio combing wools have been made during the week, involving a fair quantity of wool at 43@47 cents. The latter price is practically quoted without exception in the trade at this writing. There has been some inquiry and some business done in unwashed delaine at 36 cents, which is the bottom price quoted for good wool.

Michigan Fleece.

No sales of Michigan fleece are reported in the market this week, although some inquiry is reported. Prices are firmly quoted, however, at 40@41 cents for quarters and three-eights wools, with some holders asking more money.

Missouri Bright.

There has been no business reported in Missouri wools here this week. The market is quoted at 39@40 cents for quarter and three-eights wools with some dealers asking a cent more.

Pulled Wools.

Handlers of pulled wools have found the market quiet again this week. Prices, notwithstanding, are firm and pullers are showing little disposition to shade prices very much, although the skin market is somewhat easier latterly than a short while back. Anything good in the way of current pulled lifts is held at 57@58 cents, although buyers still want to do business at around 55 cents.

Territory Wools.

The demand for territory wools has been fair. Some original Montana of about half-blood and three-eights grade has been sold at 55 cents, or about 85 cents clean basis, while other half-blood clips. A moderate sized lots, or 65@65 cents clean basis for line of old Wyoming in the original grades was sold at 58 cents, or about 95 cents clean basis, and some original Utah and Idaho (fine and fine medium clothing) brought 57@59 cents, or close to 90 cents clean basis. Some choice fine graded territory (clothing) brought a bit over 90 cents clean basis. About 80,000 pounds of medium Idaho was sold at 52 cents, or about 80 cents clean basis. Some 50,000 pounds of choice three-eights Wyoming was sold at 57½ cents and some half-blood Wyoming (100,000 pounds) at 52 cents, or 82 cents clean basis.

Texas and California.

Texas and California wools have been quiet but very firm in price. Twelve months Texas is quoted at 80@85 cents clean basis and eight months at 70@75 cents. No sales are reported this week, however.

Scoured Wool.

There has been some business in scoured wools but most people reported the market quieter. There has been some good territory Australian sold in the range of 70 to 80 cents according to the wool, and some carding wools have been sold at 65@70 cents. Choicest rescoured Australian combings are held at 92@95 cents. Some short carbonized Australian was sold at 65@70 cents. There has been some short Cape at 62@65 cents for fair wool and short carbonized Capes are held at 58@59 cents. In domestic scoureds the market has been rather slow. Good fine scoureds are quoted at 65@70 cents and good western at 65 cents, while western A's are selling occasionally at 60@70 cents. Fine territory scoureds are quoted at 75 cents and No. 2's at 62@65 cents.

Merinos and Crossbreds.

Sales of foreign wools have not been extensive but there has been a little business consummated both in merinos and crossbreds, principally the former, including a fair-sized lot of Adelaide 60-64's fair which about 57@58 cents has been received.

Capes have not moved to the same extent (apparently as formerly, although one line of 700 bales of combing wools were sold on a basis of 55 cents, clean.

There has been little done in crossbreds, although some 50-56's Australians are reported to have been sold on a clean basis of about 50 cents.

Rickert's Livestock Letter

Kansas City Stock Yards, Aug. 30.—Last week closed 25 to 50 cents lower on most cattle, and Chicago and St. Louis reported disastrous breaks. Lower prices cut down loadings in nearby territory and good rains in the Panhandle last week stopped the rush there. Accordingly the run today dropped to 20,000 head. Sales were 10 to 25 cents higher than the close of last week, and the market active. There was a big attendance of country buyers, who wanted cattle of all weights.

Beef Cattle—Nothing strictly prime was here, best fed steers stopping at $10.50. Grass cattle lose the full advance, best ones at $9.10, good ones mostly $8.25 to $8.90, medium steers at $7.25 to $7.65, the kind that sold at $7.00 to $7.50 at the finish last week. Lighter cattle brought $6.25 to $6.75, quarantine grass steers, 800 to 1,000 pounds, $6.00 to 6.75. Feeder buyers bid on a large number of weights steers in the native division, and bought a good many loads at $7.50 to $8.30. Cows and heifers did not gain as much as steers, good grass cows around $6.25, fair to good, $5.50 to $6.00, canners, $4.50 to $5.00; bulls up to $6.75, veals $11.00.

Stockers and Feeders—Shipments out last week were heaviest this year, 32,000 head, about half of which were bought after Wednesday, that is, at bottom prices for the week. Sales are around a quarter higher today, there being a large number of buyers here, many of them from Iowa and Illinois. Feeders weighing 1,000 to 1,229 pounds sold at $7.45 to $8.30, those in competition with killers. Straight feeders sold down to $6.75. Best Panhandle yearlings sold at $8.25, as compared with $8.00 on last Monday, most of the stock steers at $6.25 to $7.25; stock cows and heifers, $5.25 to $6.75.

Hogs—The market closed last week about 20 cents lower than the best time, but there was a return of strength today, sales 15c to 20c higher, receipts, 7,000. Order buyers made a fast market, paying up to $10.80, and the packers got shut out almost entirely, there being only about 1,000 hogs left when they got ready to buy, outside of pigs. At that, packers paid up to $10.80, and bulk of sales for the day ranged from $10.40 to $10.65. It looks like packers will need hogs tomorrow, and apparently this is going to be a fine week for sellers.

Sheep and Lambs—The market declined 25 to 50 cents last week, more in some cases on lambs, and the situation continues weak today, receipts here 10,000 head. Excessive supplies at Omaha and heavy at Chicago are the main weakening features. Utahs sold at $10.25 today, but the lambs lacked quality, weighing only 64 to 67 pounds. Colorado lambs brought $10.15 and Arizonas $9.90. Fat ewes sell up to $7.25, wethers $7.50; yearlings, $8.00; breeding ewes, $7.50 to $9.00, feeding ewes, $5.00 to $6.50; feeding lambs, 9.50 to $10.00.

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Museum Gets Treasure.

Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 31.—The Museum of Fine Arts has acquired what is declared to be a treasure in an almost unknown bronze statue of Leonardo da Vinci, executed by himself. The Hungarian sculptor Stephen Ferenczy bought the bronze in Italy early in the nineteenth century without knowing that Da Vinci was its creator. It was not until after Ferenczy's death that the authorship was established.

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MOHAIR BRINGING IN RECORD PRICE IN GRANT COUNTY

Silver City Reports Quotations the Highest Ever Attained in That Part of the Country; War and Organization Help.

Silver City, Aug. 30.—Prices received for the spring clip of mohair, returns from which are beginning to come in, are the highest in the history of the industry in this part of the country. This is largely due to the war, but also in considerable measure to the organization of the growers which has been instrumental in securing to the growers the full benefit of the rise in price. All growers do not sell through the association and the private buyers are bidding prices as high as possible to destroy the organization if possible. Their efforts in this direction appear likely to fail.

W. C. Silsby, the largest producer of mohair in the Burro mountains, got the returns from his spring clip the past week, showing a net return of 41 cents per pound on the average. For the long first kid grade he received 65 cents; for the second grade of long kid, 60 cents; for the first combing, 42 cents, first carding, 45 cents, and second carding 38 cents. He sold through the National Mohair Growers' association.

These prices, Mr. Silsby states, are the highest he has ever received during the twenty years he has been in the angora goat industry business and are more than double what the mills were paying before the association was organized.

Prices of wool and all fibre are high, but mohair is especially high because of the war in Turkey, which has almost destroyed the mohair industry. The destruction among the flocks has been so great, owing to scarcity of food, that it will be many years before the flocks can be restored and prices of fine grades of mohair will doubtless be high for some time after the war is over.

CURRY COUNTY HOGS BRING TOP PRICE IN FORT WORTH MARKET

Clovis, N. M., Aug. 30.—A car load of hogs, averaging 30 weight, about 165 pounds and in the usual fine condition of packers shipped from this city and belonging to Messrs. Bryan & Lindley topped the Fort Worth hog market last Monday according to telegraphic advice to the owners. The car load was of almost uniform size and condition, making them what is termed "tops" and they proved so when the buyers took them in. The price paid for the hogs was $10.25 per hundred, the highest mark reached on the market for a good many days, and it speaks loudly of the quality of the stock that we are sending to markets. It has long been known that the grade of hogs being raised in Curry county were of excellent stock and qualification as marketable animals, but the expectation has been exceeded by the returns from hundreds of cars that have been disposed of.

In the car shipped by Houghton and Nichols were eleven hogs fattened by Dennis Brothers. The 11 weighed 2661 pounds, an average of 242 pounds. The average weight of the hogs fifty-one days ago was 126 pounds. This is a gain of 117 pounds each.

Big Cattle Deal at Silver City Closed

Silver City, N. M., Aug. 30.—Another large cattle deal was consummated last week when the G. O. S. Cattle company bought the cattle and ranches of John W. Turner and Jesse Turner near Santa Rita. The consideration included in private but run into many thousands of dollars. This new organization makes the G. O. S. one of the largest cattle companies in the southwest.

BIG LIVESTOCK SALES ARE PUT THROUGH BY PECOS VALLEY HUSTLER

Artesia, N. M., Aug. 30.—During the past several days one of Artesia's hustlers, Tex Polk, has consummated some very satisfactory live stock and real estate sales.

He sold 400 yearling steers from the Dave Runyon ranch, local delivery to be made to a Pecos valley buyer.

He sold for W. S. Lawrence of Roswell, 1,200 head of sheep now on the range near Artesia, to Lon Williams of Purcell, Okla. Lawrence had royalty on this stock only a very few weeks but secured an advance of one dollar per head over his purchase price.

Mr. Polk has also closed a deal whereby he sells the Kirkendall ranch and 250 head of cattle to W. H. Newman, Jim Williamson and J. F. Blythe, all of Hagerman. This ranch is situated about twenty miles to the southwest of Artesia.

Another deal of importance which he has closed is the sale of 2,000 yearling ewes from the A. D. Jones flock to Abe Cooper, the sheep to be placed on a ranch near Vaughn which Mr. Cooper recently purchased.

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HEAVY RAINS WERE NOT AN UNMIXED BLESSING IN PARTS OF THE STATE

Carlsbad, N. M., Aug. 31.—The latter month, though of great benefit to the country as a whole, has come at a great loss to many. I am speaking especially of those who had cut and cured their hay on alfalfa and had not more than $5,000 because the alfalfa for seed was in the weather the night of the first big rain and it now almost a total loss. Almost all the continued rains even after the alfalfa was in the stack. The damp weather since the 27th of July, the night of the first big rain has increased the cotton worms until it is estimated that more fields that promised certainly of a bale or more will be totally destroyed if the damp weather continues. The continued high water in the Pecos is wearing away more of the earthwork at the Tansill dam and the damage to that structure which was estimated at first at about $6,000 is now grown to about $12,000 and the end is not yet. The damages to the third cutting of alfalfa among the valley farms is impossible to estimate but it will amount to enough to send alfalfa soaring higher than ever, thus making it hard for the milk producer and the owner of the town cow.

Thomas Brooks Buys 160-acre Taos Ranch

Taos, N. M., Aug. 30.—Thomas Brooks this week purchased 160 acre ranch nine miles east from Taos, which he sold for and investment, from Mrs. Cleiss, who resides in Cimarron. The consideration was not disclosed. Mr. Brooks will continue in his present capacity as store manager of the Continental, which position he has held for several years. The ranch is one in the fertile section of Taos valley and the owner takes great pride in the fact that he has acquired title to the place. For the present the ranch will be leased.

The Battle of the Somme, the greatest battle in all history, is today in its fifty-first day. On July 1 the British and French troops in western France commenced their attack upon the strongly fortified German trench lines on the twenty-five mile front north and south of the River Somme. The immediate objective of the French on the southern half of the battle line is the town of Peronne. The British objective is Bapaume. The British have taken German trenches from 200 to 600 yards deep along a six-mile front. The French have driven the last German from the village of Maurepas, a little southeast of Guillemont.